

LIVING WITH GOD.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." The "secret place of the Most High" is not hard to find if the seekers have the eye of faith and the determination of will which God will cheerfully give. One has well said: "The 'secret place' is easily found; it is an 'open secret' to the pure in heart. God himself does not wish to hide it."

When one lives with God, he has God with him everywhere. "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." That presence everywhere will not be to alarm or distress. "He is my refuge and fortress; my God; in him will I trust. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust."

When one lives with God, one may sing with David, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." Living with God, one has the power of the new life. He can say, with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live. Yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." If a sight of God mortifies us to the world, as we are assured, what may we not expect of the life of God with us? How it will reveal to us the nothingness of everything else, the vanity, the emptiness of all the best that the world offers! Living with him we will be complete in him.

Living with one another produces likeness among men. The same life, acts, words, thoughts, principles, produce not only like mindedness, but also, many think, a certain physical agreement. Thought, habit, temper and principle seem to make their tracks and grooves in the very material of man. The problem is hardly yet settled. But if it be true, and it may be, what may be expected of living God but Godlikeness. And after all, the word "godliness" is but another spelling of the word "Godlikeness." John said that after awhile we shall be like Christ, "for we shall see him as he is." And this expectation, he adds, leads to one's purifying oneself "even as he is pure." David declared that he would be satisfied when he should awake in God's likeness.

Living with God is communion with him. Communion is having, holding, enjoying as one. One with God through Christ, we partake of all his good things and he accepts ours. "I will sup with him and he with me."

Growing by giving is the normal condition of church life. By giving is not meant bestowing or collections, but giving to mankind what mankind needs most, the precious gospel of Christ, a testimony to the truth, a witness of right living, together with such incidental ministrations, if there be need, to physical wants as may show the spirit of Christ, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to offer his life a ransom for many.

JOHN WITHERSPOON.

On Thursday, May 20, a monument erected by an appropriation of \$20,000 by the United States Congress will be unveiled at the corner of Eighteenth Street and Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. The exercises will be in charge of the Witherspoon Memorial Association of which the Hon. John W. Foster is chairman. The Rev. Jere Witherspoon, of Richmond, Va., will offer prayer. Vice President Sherman, the Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador, and President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University will participate in the impressive exercises of the occasion.

Dr. John Witherspoon, born in 1722 in East Lothian, Scotland, was a man of distinction in connection with four important movements: The struggle for popular rights in the Church of Scotland; the administration of the College of New Jersey at Princeton, and his influence on the career of a number of American patriots; the organization of the Presbyterian Church in America; and the American Revolution. While president of Princeton College he was a member of the American Congress in Philadelphia and the only minister of religion among the signers of the Declaration of Independence. When others hesitated Dr. Witherspoon rose and in a brief and eloquent speech so impressed the Congress that there was no further hesitation, and the Declaration was signed that gave independence forever to the American States. He said:

"For my own part of property, I have some, of reputation more. That reputation is staked, that property is pledged, on the issue of this contest; and although these gray hairs must soon descend into the sepulchre, I would infinitely rather that they descend thither by the hand of the executioner than desert at this issue the sacred cause of my country."

In England many regarded him as responsible for the rebellion of the colonies. Horace Walpole referring to Dr. Witherspoon wrote, "Our cousin America has run off with a Presbyterian parson."

His grave is in the line of the great dead of the Princeton cemetery. A monument to Dr. Witherspoon was erected some years ago in one of the parks of Philadelphia. His life by the Rev. D. W. Woods, Jr., of Gettysburg, Penn., is published by Revell.

TEMPERANCE IN TEXAS.

The "submission" proposition, that is, giving to the voters the opportunity of expressing their wishes at the polls, was called for in Texas by a substantial majority in a primary election, was put into the platform of the great Democratic State Convention, and was introduced at the recent session of the legislature. Only twelve men in the senate and forty-four in the lower house voted against it. Unfortunately, the measure was one requiring a two-thirds vote, and the submission proposition, while having an overwhelming majority in both houses, lacked two votes in each of having two-thirds. Thus a mere handful of men defeated the will of the great majority, and; by technical means, thwarted their will. Thus, too, a few men denied the fundamental principles of democracy, in order to preserve a traffic about which the majority of the people wanted a fair chance to express their will.